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Charlatans To Give Play Monday Night

Eugene O'Neill's "Emporer Jones" Will Be Played With Kelsey In Leading Role

Next Monday evening, December 16, in the Hall of Commons, the Charlatans will present their first play of the year. They have picked as their vehicle, Eugene O'Neill's "The Emperor Jones", which on its production by the Provincetown Players in 1920, the New York "Times" called "an extraordinarily striking and dramatic fear." "The Emperor Jones" is for the most part a dramatic monologue; of its eight scenes, but two—the first and last—have any speaking parts outside of the role of the Emperor. Most of the action consists of pantomime representing "ha'nts" imagined by the Emperor in his flight through the forest.

"The Emperor Jones" is the psychological study of the reversion back to savagery of the negro Jones, an ex-pullman porter, who through force of character has risen to the position of Emperor among a savage race on "an island in the West Indies as yet not self-determined by White Marines". It is, to quote Alexander Woollcott, "a race memory of old Congo fears which drives him shrieking back through the forest to the very clearing whence he had started and where now his death so complacently awaits him." "For strength and originality," continues Mr. Woollcott, "he (O'Neill) has no rival among the American writers for the stage."

The title role of Emperor is filled by J. S. Kelsey '38, who was the negro in last year's "The Last Mile"; the whole play is under the expert direction of Professor Fancher, whose treatment is realistic rather than impressionistic: real moss will be used, and the forest trees will have actual branches, not cardboard makeshifts. Special mention should be made of the fine job which W. S. Holt '38 and his production staff are doing; already the pitiful stage resources which Hamilton College possesses boast the addition of a pinrail, and the ropes used to raise and lower drops have all been set in order.

If rehearsals may be taken as criteria, the production of "The Emperor Jones" will be one of the Charlatans' outstanding successes. F. W. Yerxa '37, president of the Charlatans, is turning in a fine performance as Smithers, an unscrupulous, cowardly, Cockney trader; F. B. Eraclito jr., '36, and D. Woods '39 make fine natives, the former an old native woman and the latter Lem, a native chief. It would be hard to say which scene is most effective; laughing formless fears, a silent negro por-

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Hamilton Guests Lauded

Members of the Musical Art Society of Hamilton College were exceedingly fortunate in having the privilege of hearing the Musical Art Quartet in the Chapel. The following comment appears in the "New Yorker" for December 7.

"The Musical Art Quartet has been with us for nine years, and it has become one of our valuable institutions.

"The Musical Art Quartet serves chamber music well by bothering with none of the conventional attitudes. In fact, it has no attitudes at all. The Quartet simply plays, and plays simply. Since it plays skillfully and musically, its concerts always are absorbing musical events."

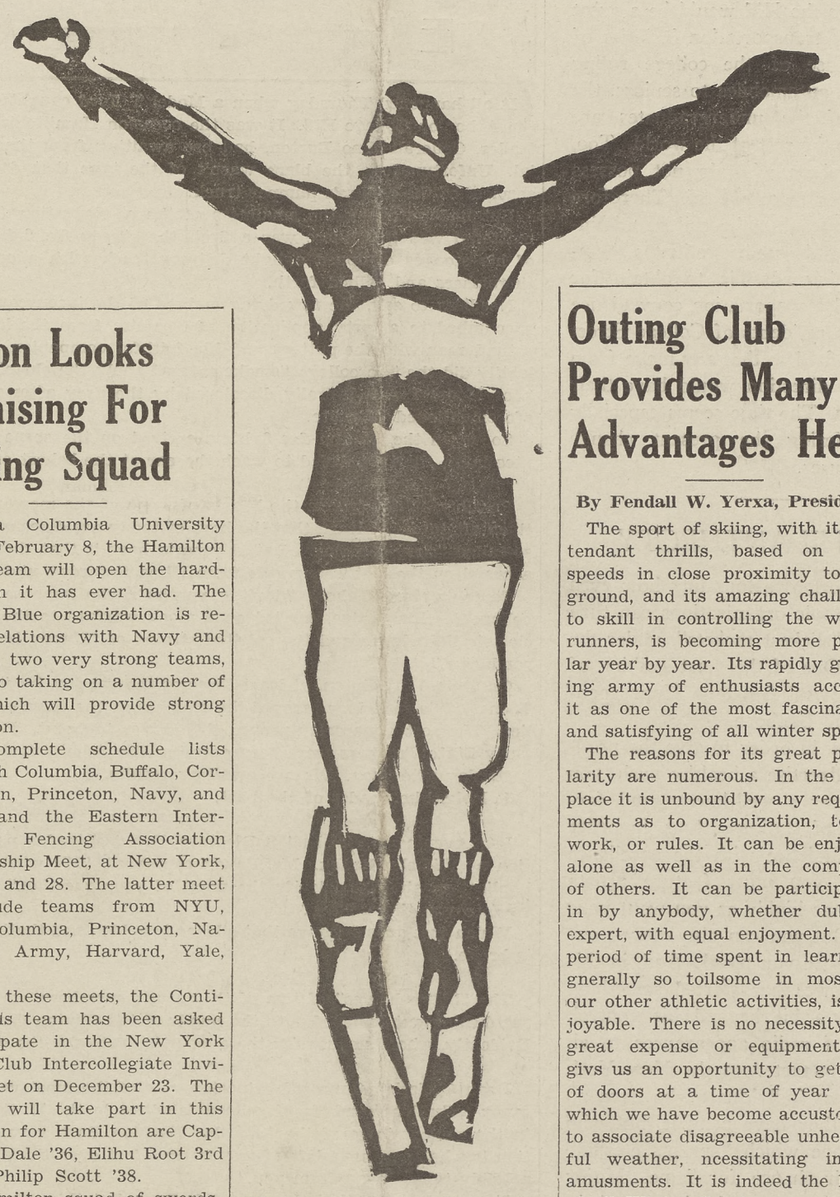
Basketball Squad Drilling Hard

After about two weeks of practice, Coach Mox Weber has been unable to select a regular center for the Hamilton quintet. With this in view, the prospects for the season do not look very promising. The two regulars from last year's squad are Captain Robert Shinn '36, and Thomas Pugh '37. Richmond Millham '36 and Paul Streitz '37, who won their letters last year, and John Connor '36, who won his letter during the 1933-34 season, are expected to do good work this year. At the present time it has been decided that the members of the team will alternate at center position, since the tallest man on the team is 5 feet 11 inches. There are 17 men on the squad. The first game is January 11 with R.P.I.

From last year's squad Glenn Sprague, who is looked upon as a center possibility, and John Amsden, both '37, will have ample chance to represent Hamilton, as will Edwin Gillette '37. Last year's freshman squad showed much promise but a series of accidents has eliminated three of the better men of that squad from this year's playing, Hugh Riddleberger, prospective center, Charles Truesdell, and William Masters. Absence of these eligible men will make it difficult for Coach Weber to build up a strong team for next year, as was hoped.

Myron Carmer and Eugene Sullivan are being counted on during this season, and both of these men did good work last year on the freshman squad. Among the other promising sophomore candidates are John Elliot, Ervine Button, Duane Tucker, David Adams, Kenneth McCullam, Horace Carroll, and Mott Guhse.

Last Saturday the team with Coach Weber went to a basketball clinic held by the coaches at Syracuse. The new basketball rules were demonstrated and in the evening there was a scrimmage between the Hamilton team and the Syracuse team. In this scrimmage the Buff and Blue quintet showed up very well.



Season Looks Promising For Fencing Squad

With a Columbia University meet on February 8, the Hamilton fencing team will open the hardest season it has ever had. The Buff and Blue organization is resuming relations with Navy and Princeton, two very strong teams, and is also taking on a number of others which will provide strong competition.

The complete schedule lists meets with Columbia, Buffalo, Cornell, Union, Princeton, Navy, and Colgate, and the Eastern Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championship Meet, at New York, March 27 and 28. The latter meet will include teams from NYU, CCNY, Columbia, Princeton, Navy, Penn, Army, Harvard, Yale, and MIT.

Besides these meets, the Continental foils team has been asked to participate in the New York Athletic Club Intercollegiate Invitation Meet on December 23. The men who will take part in this competition for Hamilton are Captain John Dale '36, Elihu Root 3rd '36, and Philip Scott '38.

The Hamilton squad of swordsmen is shaping up well, in spite of the fact that only three lettermen remain from last year, Dale, Byron Johnson, and David Basten, all seniors. Coach Gelas is breaking in a number of new men for next year's team. The foilsmen will be picked from Dale, Root, Scott, John Wood, Vincent deLalla, Fred Nichols, Rae Nichols, and Allan Cantor. In the sabres, Johnson, Dale, Joseph Bachner, W. B. Clark, and Addison Wardwell will probably see action. Choices for the epees probably will be made from Basten, Gregory Dwyer, Fendall Yerxa, Robert Branch, and Robert Durkee.

The fencing team will try this year to equal the record of last year's squad. Last season only one meet was lost—that to Columbia by a narrow margin. The team also did well in the intercollegiates. In this tournament L. Paul Bremer '35 was defeated in the finals of the epee championship by one touch.

Dr. Kurt Fiedler Lectures to German Club on Literature

Last Friday evening, December 6, in the Alpha Delta Phi House, Dr. Kurt Fiedler gave a talk to the members of the German Club. Dr. Fiedler is the head of the Official German Guild of Translators which is called the "Uebersetzergilde."

Dr. Fiedler spoke on the present status of literature in Germany. He told why certain men were banned and certain books burned. One of the reasons he mentioned for the banning of men was that their literature was only for the highbrows and rather morbid, while they are trying to make the literature of New Germany a folk literature. He continued that, since they are trying to build a New Germany, at the present there is no room for banned books. In talking further about the banning of men he said, "Most of the writers who have been banned never had any heroes in their books, but only semi-heroes, for they were only semi-writers." Dr. Fiedler believes that very soon the day will come when it will no longer be necessary to ban these writers and books.

As the best of the new men he mentioned Hans Johst, present head of the German National Chamber of Literature. The lecture of Dr. Fiedler was slightly

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Skiing Authority Tells of Thrills

By Erling Strom, Skimaster of Lake Placid Club

Seldom does a sport sweep this country quite as completely as skiing is doing right now. Clubs are being started everywhere; snow trains run in all directions. I am glad to hear that also Hamilton College is getting its club. To the few of us who have been brought up on skis and whose entire lives have had to do with skiing in one form or another, the present big movement is a happy one.

It is very appropriate that Hamilton College is starting a ski club just this year, as it is exactly fifty years ago this winter that the sport was introduced to America. The credit for that goes to Mikkel Hemmestvedt. Although skis had been brought over long before his time, probably during the fifties or sixties, with him it came as a sport in 1886. Two years later his brother Torjus followed. Born in Telemark, Norway, where stands the cradle of all modern skiing, these two brothers became the greatest skiers of their time, and left Norway with an amazing list of victories to their credit.

For the future development of skiing in this country I have always thought it unfortunate that the Hemmestvedt brothers settled in the middle west. Had they chosen a more mountainous section with better skiing conditions, we might have seen the same enormous development here that Switzerland and Austria have gone

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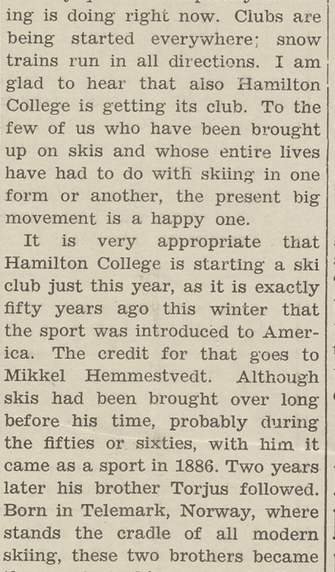

Erling Strom

Outing Club Provides Many Advantages Here

By Fendall W. Yerxa, President

The sport of skiing, with its attendant thrills, based on high speeds in close proximity to the ground, and its amazing challenge to skill in controlling the waxed runners, is becoming more popular year by year. Its rapidly growing army of enthusiasts acclaim it as one of the most fascinating and satisfying of all winter sports.

The reasons for its great popularity are numerous. In the first place it is unbound by any requirements as to organization, teamwork, or rules. It can be enjoyed alone as well as in the company of others. It can be participated in by anybody, whether dub or expert, with equal enjoyment. The period of time spent in learning, gnerally so toilsome in most of our other athletic activities, is enjoyable. There is no necessity for great expense or equipment. It givs us an opportunity to get out of doors at a time of year with which we have become accustomed to associate disagreeable unhealthful weather, ncessitating indoor amusments. It is indeed the King of all Winter Sports.

In the face of an increasing interest in this activity, the Hamilton College Outing Club was formed last year, for the purpose of fostering that interest among the members of the faculty and undergraduates of the college.

That such an organization is needed on the Hill, seems to me to be obvious. During the long winter months, when extra-curricular activities strike the year's low point, there is a definite lack of some outside interest, in which everybody can participate, to take our minds oc of our rather barren existence. It is this gap which the Outing Club hopes to fill.

By means of some sort of organization, we can blaze, mark, and map more and better trails. This work has been inaugurated by the club in connection with the run at Tassel Hill. Through the efforts of a faculty member of the club, a practice slope has been cleared on the hill back of the sec-

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Political Science Lecturer Describes Religion in Germany

Last night in the College Chapel, Professor Wilhelm Pauck of Chicago University addressed a Hill audience on the church in Germany.

Dr. Pauck traced the historical causes of religious confusion in Germany, mentioning the facts that Germany did not accept Christianity voluntarily in the Middle Ages, that a strong heritage of feudalism persisted for a long time in the German church, that the Reformation caused a violent split of the Germans into Roman Catholics and Protestants, and that the middle class had been liberated from the rule of the church by German idealism, and the labor class by the industrial revolution.

Dr. Pauck reviewed the history of the German church since the World War, stating that it is largely the Nazi influence that has reunited the church. The Nazist German Christians worked to unite the Protestant churches, but failed because they wanted too much power. There was a great deal of dispute between the German Christians and the conventional church groups, with a conservative group, consisting of industrialists, militarists, and business interests, firmly holding the power today. Dr. Pauck pointed out that these conservatives are

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No More Zeros

At its meeting of Monday, November 25, 1935, the Faculty voted to abolish the following rule:

"Every absence from a classroom exercise in excess of the number of hours per week in the course is counted as a zero in the scholarship record."

and also to delete from Administrative Rule II. 1. the words:

"but subject to the rule concerning zeros in the scholarship record (See I, 1, above)".

The Faculty voted also at the same meeting to increase the allowance of absence in Physical Education for men on the Dean's List from three to six per semester.

Hockey Sextet Shaping Up

With twenty-two candidates and good ice, Coach Prettyman began the first intensive drilling on Thursday for this season's hockey sextet, in preparation for the initial game, which will take place January 6 at Clinton and be played against Victoria College, Canadian team. Six lettermen have appeared for practice to build up a team for the nine games now scheduled.

The lettermen who form the nucleus about which the team will be built are Captain Jack Woodin, Fran Baker, Bill Doig, Warren Montgomery, all '36, Harry Massoth and Ike Sharpless '37, besides Jack Edwards '37, member of last year's varsity. Practice has developed scarcely sufficiently to warrant any prediction of the success with which the team will go through the coming season, but with the abundance of material at hand, and weather conditions permitting, the team should get off to a good start. Of the games now on docket, only the one with Army on February 1 is to be played away from Clinton. The remainder of the schedule includes games with Massachusetts State, Middlebury, Union, Cornell, and Williams. Games are pending with Colgate and with the alumni, with perhaps a game with Syracuse.

The following men are also out for the varsity: Hatfield, Kingsbury, and L. Smith, all '36; Ruhle and Wilcox, both '37; Crane, Gilbert, Hawley, J. D. Jackson, Kelley, Materne, McGinn, Pooley, Rivett, and Winkler, all '38.

With good ice, the team will be able to get in quite a bit of practice before the Christmas vacation. They will return early after the recess to make final preparations for the game with Victoria.

From now on until the 17th of March the members of the junior class on the reportorial staff of Hamilton **Life** will put out the paper and each issue editor will be responsible for everything appearing in the columns of his issue.

Cambridge Debate Team To Speak Here

Hamilton Squad Breaks Even With Win, Loss In First Debates Of This Year

Tomorrow evening at 8:15 the Hamilton College debating team will meet the Cambridge Union team in the College Chapel. Daniel Vandermeulen and Norman Howard, both seniors, will uphold for Hamilton the negative of the proposition: Resolved, That in the opinion of this house the judiciary should have no power to override decisions of the executive and legislative. C. J. M. Alport and John Royle will uphold the affirmative for Cambridge.

President F. C. Ferry will preside over the debate. No decision will be rendered. Each man will speak for fifteen minutes, and there will be one rebuttal speech for each side.

The Hamilton team was selected after intensive competition. Norman Howard has been on the debating team since his sophomore year. He is the president of the local chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, the national forensic honor society. Vandermeulen was a member of the freshman debating team three years ago. This will be his first intercollegiate match.

The Cambridge men, whose biographies appeared in **Life** several weeks ago, have already debated the qustion to be argued tomorrow several times in their speaking tour of the eastern colleges. The Cambridge Union Society which they represent is a famous English debating group. Many of England's public men debate their views before this society every year.

This debate will be the third of the season for Hamilton. The debating season opened against Middlebury College Tuesday, November 19, with Dennis J. Livadas, Ordine C. Beakes, and David A. White, all '36, upholding the affirmative of the question: Resolved, That the United States should follow a policy of economic nationalism. Dr. Norman J. Padelford of Colgate, critic-judge, gave Hamilton a close decision over the Vermonters.

The second debate was held in Emerson Hall just before the Thanksgiving recess. A team from the New York State College for Teachers defended the negative of the question: Resolved, That the relief expenditures of recent years will be detrimental to the character of the American people. The affirmative arguments were presented for Hamilton by Rudyard E. Eldridge '36 and Herbert T. Slade '37. The decision was given by Mr. Paul Williams of Clinton in favor of the negative.

This year is the first in some time in which decision debates have been given at Hamilton.

Chapel Bell Protected By Trustees Against Theft

By Hiram J. Evans '37

One hundred and one years ago the fork which may be seen around the chapel lightning rod about twenty feet from the ground was placed there to make sure that the chapel bell was not tampered with. Josh Billings, a well-known humorist between 1850 and 1870, was the cause of this elaborate precaution which was taken by the trustees.

Josh Billings is the nom de plume of Henry Wheeler Shaw who entered Hamilton as a member of the class of 1837. He was not wayward, but his interests were not with his books. As his room was on a side of a dormitory which faced the chapel, Josh was rudely awakened in the morning by the ringing of the rising bell. He determined that this should not bother him throughout the course of his sophomore year, and one night he made good his resolution. Climbing the ground cable of the lightning rod, he removed the clapper of the chapel bell. The next morning the surprised faculty and student body started an investigation to determine why the rising bell had failed to ring. The trouble was soon located and Shaw was on his way home, an alumnus of Hamilton College.

After his dismissal from college he went west and for several years led the life of a vagabond in the western cities. It was not until after he had settled in Poughkeepsie and was the owner of a thriving real estate business that the idea of writing for money entered his head. His first contribution to a paper yielded him a profit of one dollar, and although he was annoyed that the sum was not larger, he determined to make his writings sought after as much as those of Mark Twain, Artemus Ward, and Petroleum Vitriol Nasby (David Ross Locke).

For his comic effects, Josh Billings depended upon farmer dialogue and grotesque spelling, and while his humor held a strong appeal for the nineteenth century, we of today find it rather monotonous

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All-Day Ski Trips National Pastime In Switzerland

By Edmund Munson '39

Skiing in Europe has centered in the Alps. Higher than the Rockies and perhaps not quite so abrupt, these mountains have become the skiing ground of Europe. Switzerland in particular has developed a flourishing ski trade. During the winter months a good portion of the Swiss population live on English, French, Spanish, Italian, and American money. Such centers as St. Moritz, Grindenwald, Gestadt, and Les Diablerets are entirely supported by skiers.

However, the Swiss themselves are inclined to consider these people as dainty beginners. They see skiing in a different light than we do. At 10,000 feet, when you stand leaning on your poles and looking for miles over the mountain ranges and for thousands of feet down in the valley, skiing becomes more than an ordinary sport; it becomes an aesthetic thrill. The young Swiss boys (and girls) are brought up on skis. Their enthusiasm is not so much due to the thrill of steep trails as it is to their love of the mountains and the open air.

The Swiss conception of skiing is to take one's "rucksack" which generally contains seal skins for steep climbing ski wax, food, and often a first aid kit, and set out for the day. They will sometimes start at day-break and climb until noon. They will eat lunch at some chalet or under a pine tree and rest for a while. For a few hours they ski on one of those long slopes till it is time to start back. Then the fun begins. For miles the trail winds its way down the mountain side, through the forest, between rocks and over natural jumps. Few of these trails are dangerous, providing the skier can stop himself and make effective turns to both sides, but it is considered quite a feat to come down the whole trail without a tumble.

Here, on neighboring hills and in the glen, we can certainly find unlimited pleasure in skiing. We may miss some of the grandeur and the space of high mountains, but, as the Swiss say, "The longer the hill, the steeper the climb."

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IN THIS ISSUE

LIFE presents this issue as one devoted almost completely to winter sports. There are several reasons why we think a special issue can well be set aside for this.

Primarily, this issue presents the first real news of the winter season intercollegiate sports teams, all of which are holding regular practice preparatory to beginning their schedules early in the new year. Hamilton's hockey team is noted as among the best of the small colleges in the East. Our fncing team always does credit to itself during the year, and especially in the annual tournament of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, in which Hamilton is the only small college represented. And Hamilton is proud of her basketball team, though it is less distinguished. We wish to express the appreciation the college as a whole has for these teams and their coaches. We hope that the undergraduate body will strive as it has in the past to give its full support to these representatives of Hamilton in intercollegiate competition.

Practically all the remainder of this issue is devoted to the hope that more of the undergraduates of the college will become interested in the individual outdoor sports, especially skiing. Hamilton has the necessary advantages for these outdoor sports—good hills and open spaces, plenty of cold weather, and a sufficiency of snow. Therefore it would seem only natural that much could be done along these lines, similar to the way other colleges such as Dartmouth, Williams, and Middlebury have become quite proficient in these outdoor sports.

Last year on the Hill an Outing Club was formed as the union of those whose mutual interest was in these outdoor activities. Added interest has been shown this year in the Outing Club. Having an earlier start this year, the club has been able to make plans for more ski trails and more outings this year. This newest of the Hill clubs is really worth while, as well as providing considerable recreation for those who take part.

Along with this topic of winter sports comes the suggestion from Williams that "in the next year or so Williams will be meeting a ski team from Hamilton in those friendly competitions which make intercollegiate skiing so enjoyable". In addition to this we might suggest that the Outing Club hold this year intramural competitions in both skiing and skating. It is events such as this that go to make winter sports such a colorful thing to watch—witness the crowd that makes the annual trip to Lake Placid and other resorts to watch this panorama.

In this spirit, then, we present this issue of Hamilton LIFE as the winter sports issue.

BETTER TRANSPORTATION

The Utica division of the New York State Railways have been recently granted permission to replace the trolleys between Utica and Clinton with buses. What would be a better time to get this bus service to come to College Hill? Buses to the Hill would be a great improvement in the transportation facilities of the college. Because of the college ruling limiting the use of automobiles to seniors, the greater portion of the undergraduates are rather cut off from the rest of the world. Too, those faculty members who do not possess automobiles are even more cut off. Therefore we suggest, nay urge, that the college administration, backed by the undergraduates themselves, do everything possible to obtain for the Hill this added transportation convenience and necessity. The residents of College Street would also be benefited so that any move from the college in this direction would have their support in addition. The time seems especially auspicious, considering the present change from trolleys to buses.

FALSE PHILANTHROPY

It is nothing short of astounding how even our most philanthropic organizations can turn into some of our "slickest rackets", under the name of charity. One of the most striking of these is Major Bowes' Amateur Hour sponsored by Chase and Sanborn.

In the first place, in order to give the product you wish to advertise a healthy push, you must broadcast over a well-known and far-reaching network of stations. And, in order to impress your audience with the excellence of your product, you must feature artists whose talents rate as highly as you want your product to rate But you can also move your audience by the cause you plead. And, in this respect, Major Bowes has started something which has grown a bit beyond his control. With his offers of radio appearances to all amateurs, he has attracted to the New York bread-lines penniless individuals who have no more talent than they have pennies, but who must eat. The hope which "springs eternal" calls them to their chance for fame. Major Bowes, however, is extremely interested in turning unsuspecting and talented indiviuals into personal gold mines. If the aspirant lacks talent, he is dismissed with a "Thank you, better luck next time" and five dollars. If he is a potential star, the clamps are tightened by contracts and he immediately goes on a vaudeville tour at $40 to $50 weekly. For giving them their chance the Major receives $5500 per week, and, furthermore, he eliminates for the Chase and Sanborn Company the expense of artists who receive high union wages and are costly because the company which owns the station also controls the agency for hiring the stars. The listeners themselves are always willing to support some seemingly humane cause.

The vaudeville circuits net Major Bowes approximately $12,500 weekly, while the artists who receive the paltry $50 per week must pay their own expenses. However, maybe it is justified because that amount is more than they would otherwise receive and, furthermore, it is giving them the "break" they've always wanted.

J. L. H. '37.

SUPPORT THE LECTURES

Many students on the Hill are definitely interested in the Current Affairs Lecture Series sponsored by the Political Science Club. This organization has endeavored to bring to the campus speakers of note to discuss all types of current and important problems, and during the past two years has been admirably successful. Not only students, but a great number of outsiders as well, have listened with interest to these talks by well-known men, and have engaged in discussions which followed.

But the Political Science Club *cannot function without student cooperation.* Other worthwhile organizations on the Hill are functioning because of this cooperation. Do we want to see the Political Science Lecture Series discontinued? Once they are discontinued, it will be even more difficult to re-establish them.

It is up to every student already interested in this Series and in questions which are of import to the whole country to be present at the various lectures and to encourage others to become interested. It is up to those students who do not attend because they are lazy to institute some constructive action and attend the lectures.

It is up to the whole student body to lend their united support in fostering this worthwhile enterprise and building up a fund which will insure future lectures and a wider program. Other college organizations are thus supported. The Political Science Club needs and asks for your support. Will you give it?

H. T. S. '37.

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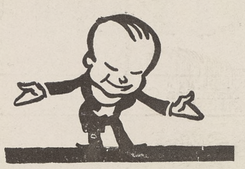

It all happened Thursday when a Model T Ford caught on fire near the Arbor on College Hill. It was the occasion Hamilton's jack-of-all-trades, Generalissimo Burton, had bee awaiting from time immemorial. Unfortunately, the blaze wasn't of the type that demanded the services of the college's pumper truck.

But undaunted by the smallness of the conflagration (for all that mattered was that there was a fire), the sturdy fire-fighter and one of his stooges equipped a light delivery truck with a couple of extinguishers and sallied forth.

Needless to say, the few dying embers of the inconsequential blaze succumbed to a lusty application of Foamite from the hands of the rotund man-with-the-puttees and his faithful companion. In fact, so lustily did the two college "smoke-eaters" apply the chemical that the poor Model T was literally discolored by the grey after-effcts of the aforementioned Foamite.

So, when the Clinton fire-fighters arrived on the scene a few minutes later, they proceeded to wash the car at the behest of the owner.

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Possibly, it may warm the hearts of some of the more rugged Continental alumni to learn that the boys of today are dispensing with the so-called "sissy complex." Latest reports have it that there was quite a brawl on the last Toonerville from Utica Saturday night.

Some twelve of those "flaming youths", who supposedly come to college for knowledge, carried on a mock warfare to the bursting of electric light bulbs and the spirited strains of "Happy birthday, dear conductor."

On arrival in Clinton, at least three of the gamins, by jimmying the Toonerville's rear door escaped the clutches of the town's Chief of Police. The rest apparently proved themselves innocent. However, two burly State Troopers were seen entering the Administration Building yesterday afternoon. We are awaiting results.

It looks like shades of the past.

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Last evening at the Poli Sci lecture, Dennis Livadas poked a question at Wilhelm Pauck. Mr. Pauck countered, "My whole lecture by implication aimed to clarify the point of your question."

Were you there, Livy?

Which just goes to prove that silence is golden and that's why Carpe is broke.

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The "better-halves" of two of the faculty members, we understand, are dishing out knowledge to the pupils of the Clinton Central School. Evidently, what is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose.

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Dean Christian Gauss of Princeton, one of the most verbose of the many talkative members of college faculties in the U. S. A., writing in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post, says, "An education is what you have left after you have lost everything that can be possibly taken away from you."

It appears to us that the venerable Dean is talking to hear himself talk and that he was paid by the word.

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New Members Of Charlatans Chosen For Year

With the coming production of "The Emperor Jones" at hand, the Charlatans, Hamilton College Dramatic Society, announces its plans for the coming year, its present membership, and a radical change in its organization. "The Emperor Jones" will be presented in the Commons next Monday evening, December 16; another play, as yet not chosen, will be offered some time in March. Several plays are under consideration, but as usual there is either trouble in securing permission to stage them or difficulty in obtaining the necessary copies.

The present membership of the Charlatans is based on previous performances and on tryouts held earlier this season. A list of the members is given below. The tryouts were of a new order and proved very satisfactory. All those competing for membership memorized some passage from a play before appearing before the executive council, which voted on the merits of their respective performances; in some instances two or more tried out together. Although tryouts were held three separate evenings, a deplorably small percentage of the student body appeared.

Heretofore membership in the Charlatans has been secured by vote of the executive council after appearance in one major role or in three minor roles or after appropriate work backstage. Members of the production staff will still be chosen on the basis of work done, but hereafter new members to both staffs will be voted in by the whole existing body of Charlatans at the nomination of the executive council, and membership in the group of actors will be based on tryouts only. It is hoped in this way to throw the management of the Charlatans into the hands of the active membership, rather than into the hands of a small, self-perpetuating executive council. The faculty members of the executive council will hereafter be voted in annually by the entire body of Charlatans at the nomination of the retiring executive council.

The present executive council consists of Professors Fancher and Rudd, Mrs. Saunders, F. W. Yerxa '37 (president, B. B. Hickok '36 (vice-president), and A. S. Halsted '36 (secretary).

The key awards presented by the Charlatans to certain of its members will continue to be given at the discretion of the executive council alone, on the basis of work done, in order that there may be some means of honoring those who have been especially active in or loyal to the cause of dramatics at Hamilton College or who have been especially outstanding in productions of the Charlatans.

The present membership of the Charlatans includes:

Professor Fancher and Rudd, Mrs. Saunders, faculty members; President F. W. Yerxa '37; Vice-President B. B. Hickok '36; Secretary A. S. Halsted '36; G. P. Bates, F. B. Eraclito jr., F. T. Freeman, W. A. Hendricks jr., E. L. House, G. H. Minor jr., R. S. Stockton, and N. L. Swartout, all '36; F. A. Brown, W. P. Clark, A. A. Darrigrand, J. T. Dunn, H. M. Esty jr., R. A. McLaughlin, and E. K. Renwick, all '37; R. L. Allen, G. E. Beilby jr., A. P. Britten, J. S. Church, R. A. Clogher, G. K. Dwyer, W. S. Holt, J. R. Jamieson, D. F. Jones, J. S. Kelsey, J. A. Lawson, R. H. K. Murray, and J. P. Parrott jr., all '38, and H. M. Bramley, A. M. Canterbury, L. C. Cate, D. C. Childs, R. C. Downs, W. M. Holmes, O. P. Keeney jr., and D. S. Woods, all '39.

Recently published volumes of the Dictionary of American Biography have included among the notable men of America two natives of Clinton, who were also connected with the College. They are Edward Payson Powell, '53, "teacher, clergyman, and author", whose homestead is on College Hill and who was a tutor in the College during the year 1856-57, and Clinton Scollard, '81, poet, who was professor in the College from 1888 to 1896, and in 1911-12. Mr. Powell's interest in creating the department of biology when Professor Morrill was appointed in 1891, and his financial help are worthy of being included in the record.

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SPORT NOTES

By John M. Tufts '37

Our best wishes for good luck to Carl Ferry '35, who competed in the Olympic hockey tryouts, among a picked squad of 58, this week-end. Selections will be made for a smaller group on the basis of the players' performances this Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Coach Prettyman's hockey charges hope to get in some practice around New York this Christmas vacation. If they go down, they will use the Playland Arena at Rye for workouts, and will have a game with the Hamilton alumni. They might also play Colgate.

Hamilton's basketball squad showed promise for its later contests in practice games last Friday with Grace Church, and Saturday with Syracuse University. The Continentals looked superior to Grace Church, and put up a good fight against the Orange. In the latter encounter, Tommy Pugh scored 14 points.

The Hamilton-Syracuse game was staged as an exhibition to demonstrate changes in intercollegiate rules, and was preceded by a rules clinic, in which the changes were discussed. One of the new rules is that, on the offense, the pivot man cannot remain in the foul circle for more than three seconds. This will tend to make the zone defense system, which Hamilton usually uses, stronger than ever.

Coach Weber is following the plan of rotating his centers, using three or four men in turn. The jumping will be strenuous, as none of the men are tall, so any single player holding that position would tire quickly.

Speaking of height, the lack of it will be the Continental ball-tossers' greatest handicap this season, and possibly next year as well. Not only is the varsity squad composed almost entirely of men of average, or less than average, height, but the best ball-handlers in the freshman tryouts are all short, too.

The Hamilton fencers are maintaining their position in big competition in eastern fencing. Coach Gelas has been asked to enter a foils team in the N.Y.A.C. Intercollegiate Invitation Meet, December 23. Johnny Dale, Elihu Root, and Phil Scott will compose the Buff and Blue entry.

Freshman hockey tryouts were held last Saturday. Between 25 and 30 freshmen tried out, of whom 15 or 18 will be picked for the freshman squad. All the information we could get from Jack Woodin was that the calibre of the competitors was as good as usual, and that two or three of the freshmen in particular looked promising for future Hamilton hockey teams.

The freshman basketball squad was cut yesterday to sixteen men. These are Quimby, Roider, Salmela, Pugsley, Cunningham, Ellison, Gilmore, Dickinson, D. Woods, Keats, Male, Towner, Radley, Kordas, and Strauss.

Annual Warnings In Subjects Given Classes of '38 and '39

Scholarship warnings, released from the office of the president November 26, show that 150 underclassmen are failing a total of 256 hours. The sophomores have 64 men failing 349 hours, while 82 freshmen are below passing in 380 hours.

As is usually the case, Math 1 accounted for the largest number of failures in a single subject, with 42 listed, with Latin 1 second with 19, and English Composition third with 18. Languages were prominent on the list, for besides the Latin group there were 12 men listed for French 3, 10 for German 1, and five for Greek 1.

The rest of the list is as follows: History 1, nine; Public Speaking 1, seven; Biology 1, six; Chemistry 1, three; Spanish 3, three; English Literature 1, two; Philosophy 1, two; French 1, one; French 7, one and German 1, one.

Among the sophomores, Political Science takes the lead with 18 men listed as failing; Philosophy comes next, 17 having averages below passing. English Literature had 15 men failing, and German 3 and Chemistry 3 came next with nine and eight respectively. The only other outstanding subjects were French 7, with six men, and Biology 5, with five men.

The sophomore list follows: History 3, four; Economics 1, three; Geology 3, three; History 1, three; Physics 1, three; French 3, three; Math 3, three; History 3, three; English Composition 3, three; Math 1, two; Chemistry 1, two; Latin 1, two; Biology 3, two; Biology 5, one; Math 5, one; Greek 1, one; and Public Speaking 1, one.

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and flat. One of Billings' cardinal assets was his keen mind. He was widely known for his powers of observation, and Lincoln said of him, "Next to William Shakespeare, Josh Billings was the greatest judge of human nature the world has ever seen." The pithy sayings of Josh Billings will linger long after his name has been forgotten, for they contain the essential thoughts of life.

Josh was never angry at the college for dismissing him and on many occasion he treated this incident as a joke. At a banquet, at which President North was present, Josh said, "Hamilton College has turned out many great men." After an inmpressive silence to let that bit of wisdom sink in, he added, "She turned me out." This last statement is typical of Josh Billings. He saw the funny side of life and yet it would be necessary to look long before finding a more serious or thoughtful individual.

EXAM SCHEDULE

The January examination schedule, posted this morning, is as follows:

Monday, January 20

A. M.—French 3, Eng. Lit. 7.

P. M.—French 9 and Special, Music 1, Chem. 9.

Tuesday, January 21

A. M.—Spanish 1, Italian 1, Math 1.

P. M.—French 7, Italian 3, Ethics 7, Biology 5, Chem. 7, Physics 1, Geology 7.

Wednesday, January 22

A. M.—Greek 9, Eng. Lit. 13, Econ. 1, Math 5, Latin 1.

P. M.—Latin 5, German 7, Phil. 1, History 7, Art 1, Physics 9, Geology 1.

Thursday, January 23

A. M.—German 3, Music 5.

P. M.—Math 9, Biology 7, Geology 3, Eng. Lit. 1, 9.

Friday, January 24

A. M.—Greek 1, Eng. Lit. 11, Philos. 3, Pol. Sci. 5, Music 7, Math 3.

P. M.—Latin 3, Spanish 3, Pol. Sci. 9, Music 11, Greek 11, Chem. 3, Geology 5.

Saturday, January 25

A. M.—Greek 5, German 1, 5, French 1, History 3, Pol. Sci. 3, Math 7.

Monday, January 27

A. M.—Pol. Sci. 7, Biology 1.

P. M.—Chem 1.

Tuesday, January 28

A. M.—Eng. Lit. 3, Philos. 7, Econ. 5, Ethics 5, History 1, 5.

P. M.—Greek 3, Latin 7, History 13, Econ. 3, Biology 3, Physics 3, Geology 9.

Wednesday, January 29

A. M.—Pol. Sci 1, Ethics 1.

Orchestra to Compete

On Saturday evening, December 14, the Glen Lane orchestra, of Hamilton, will engage in a battle of music with the Colgate Ensigns, of Colgate University, at the Graystone Dance Studio, 1323 Oneida street, Utica. The Glen Lane orchestra includes as members Johnny Dale, leader, Jack Sabine, Bill Gregg, Andy Brown, Ned Guy, Craig Hutchinson, Ken Soper, Russell Newkirk, Sam Lake, Tom Bush, and Bill Fancher.

Biology Club Meets Friday

On Friday night, December 13, at 8:00 p. m., the Biology Club will hold its next meeting at the home of Professor Earl O. Butcher. The guest speaker will be Dr. M. T. Powers of Utica who will speak on the subject of the X-ray, discussing its general usefulness as well as the methods of employing it. Dr. Powers will bring some of his apparatus with him for the purpose of demonstrations. Preceding Dr. Powers, his son, Robert W. Powers '36, will give an introduction telling the history of the X-ray.

Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

At the November election John G. Peck '87, father of Robert F. Peck '34, of Southampton, was elected county treasurer by a majority of more than 12,000 votes, it is reported.

Utica papers recently published notice of the death of Frederick Spencer Ball, M.D., '95, who was born in Utica June 4, 1870, the son of Daniel Ball, and a brother of the late Willard D. Ball '81. He was a physician who practiced for many years in California. He was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity.

Report has been received of the death of Winford L. Polhemus '31, which occurred November 25.

Sport Schedules Are Announced

Hockey

Jan. 6—Victoria, here
11—Open
14—Mass. State, here
18—Middlebury, here
Feb. 1—Army at West Point
8—Union, here
15—Cornell, here
22—Open
29—Williams, here
Mar. 7—Open

Basketball

Jan. 11—R.P.I., at Troy
15—Queens, here
17—Rochester, here
Feb. 8—Allegheny, here
11—Hobart, here
14—Wesleyan at Middletown
15—Union at Schenectady
21—Haverford, here
22—Swarthmore, here
28—Hobart, at Geneva
29—Rochester at Rochester
Mar. 7—Bard at Annandale

Fencing

Feb. 8—Columbia at New York
14—Buffalo, here
15—Cornell, here
22—Union, here
28—Princeton at Princeton.
29—Navy at Annapolis
Mar. 6—Colgate, here
28-29—Intercollegiates at New York

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Seniors Elect Goss, Millham, Burgess, And Avery to Office

Completing their elections of class officers shortly before the Thanksgiving recess, the senior class announces that Harry E. Goss has been chosen to serve as president for the coming year. Richmond B. Millham was elected vice-president, David S. Burgess, secretary, and James Avery, jr., treasurer. The office of treasurer is a newly created one, having in previous years been combined with that of secretary.

Goss, a member of the Emerson Literary Society, has been on the football team for three years, acting as captain this year, and is president of the Interfraternity Council. Millham is captain of the baseball team, a member of the basketball squad, Pentagon, Was Los, and D. T. He is affiliated with Delta Kappa Epsilon. Burgess is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the national scholastic honorary society. Avery has served on the track squad since his sophomore year, and was chosen as captain of the 1936 team. He is a member of Psi Upsilon.

The junior class elections will start within the next week, at the completion of which the sophomore and freshman classes will make their choices in the order of class seniority.

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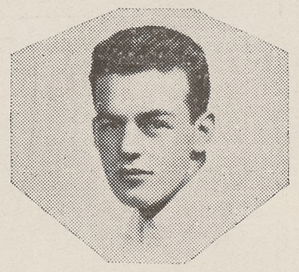

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ond fairway; a gentle slope which will prove invaluable for those who wish to practice fundamentals. It has also the advantage of being in close proximity, so that a spare hour can be utilized to good effect. It is hoped that more new trails will be provided from time to time.

The club will also be of service to those who wish information either concerning the purchase of equipment or the rudiments of a telemark. It is possible that instruction will be provided through the agencies of personal teaching, the printed page, or the moving picture.

Plans are in the offing for an Interfraternity Carnival, with competition in the different departments of the skiers art: slalom, downhill, cross-country racing, etc. If skill manifests itself during the year, there is no reason why a ski team cannot be organized to compete in an intercollegiate capacity.

Thus there are obviously numerous advantages to such an organization, and every reason to believe that it will prove a successful venture here at Hamilton. It is of course in its infancy, and must have, to secure its permanency, the support of many of the undergraduates and faculty members.

CHARLATANS TO GIVE PLAY MONDAY NIGHT

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ter shooting craps, a noiseless chain-gang, an old-time auction sale of slaves, wailing swaying negroes, a dancing witch-doctor and a hungry crocodile-god pass in rapid succession as Jones sinks further and further into primitive savagery. And throughout the play the vibrating thump of a tom-tom continues at a gradually accelerating rate.

The list of characters follows:

Brutus Jones, J. S. Kelsey '38.
Henry Smithers, F. W. Yerxa '37.
An old native woman, F. B. Eraclito jr., '36.
Lem, D. S. Woods '39.
Witch-doctor, B. B. Hickok '36.
Jeff, G. P. Bates '36.
Prison-guard, R. A. McLaughlin '37.
Auctioneer, F. A. Brown '37.
Formless fears, W. P. Clark '37, J. T. Dunn '37, D. J. Livadas '36.
Negro convicts, S. A. Halsted '36, A. A. Darrigrand '37, R. C. Downs '39.
Planters, H. M. Esty jr., '37, O. P. Keeney jr., '39.
Planters' wives, E. K. Renwick '37, J. P. Parrott '38.
Slaves, A. A. Darrigrand '37, R. L. Allen '38, J. R. Jamieson '38, L. C. Cate '39.
Soldiers, S. A. Halsted '36, D. J. Livadas '36, R. L. Allen '38, H. M. Bramley '39.

AUTHORITY DESCRIBES THRILLS OF SKIING

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through in later years. Skis came to those countries many years later than to America, and yet they have gone by and are so far ahead now that it is a question whether or not we will ever catch up.

Skiing today can almost be divided in two parts—Norwegian skiing on one side, Alpine skiing on the other. In Norway, the most popular forms for competition will always be jumping and cross country racing. Right there lies one more reason why the Norwegians have failed to popularize their national sport in this country although they have worked hard at it for fifty years. Jumping seemed too dangerous. Cross country skiing seemed too much like work. Neither had much appeal to the Americans. Alpine skiing consists almost exclusively of what we now call down hill running. Blessed (or cursed) with a lot of funiculars, they could disregard all other skiing and develop down hill running to a higher degree than the world had ever seen before. This was very catching. Suddenly there was no more need of the extreme courage of the jumper nor was it necessary to have the training, endurance, and stamina of the cross country skier. Everybody could take part. The craze was on.

It is Alpine influence that is giving American skiing such a tremendous boost right now. Thanks to the Swiss and Austrians, thousands are brought into skiing today who would never have attempted it ten years ago. And yet the larger portion of this country is better adapted to Norwegian than it is to Alpine skiing. So some day the pendulum will begin to swing back again. My own hope is that it will stop somewhere between the two extremes—that America will do all kinds of skiing. In my own life each type in particular has had its great value, and I should not like to have missed any of the pleasure, fun, or hard work I have had on skiis.

CHAPEL SPEAKER TELLS OF GERMAN RELIGION

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not seditionists, as many outsiders think, but are loyal Nazis.

"Neither the German Christians nor the Confessional synods can be really effective," said Dr. Pauck, "as the first group is too worldly, and the second not worldly enough."

Dr. Pauck also discussed the German religious problems of Roman Catholics and Neo-Paganism. The Roman Catholics are trying hard to preserve their power, Dr. Pauck stated. He said of the Neo-Paganists that they give a religious halo to Naziism.

In summing up, the speaker stated that Hitler has little to do with the religious situation in Germany—that Hitler is not as powerful as he is generally considered to be. The present crisis of civilization in Germany, according to Dr. Pauck, would never had occurred if the churches had inspired action by teaching eternal truths.

DR. FIEDLER LECTURES BEFORE GERMAN CLUB

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cut for this talk, but his complete lecture will soon be published in the periodical "Books Abroad". This lecture will give a very representative reading list of the literature of New Germany.

Dr. Fiedler then told about his work in translating. He said that the guild, of which he is the head, translated 300 books from English to German in the last year. Among the most popular of the books translated from English are Sinclair Lewis' "Babbitt" and "Main Street". In picking out books to translate the guild picks ones depicting the lives of people of different countries. Biographical notes on the author and a description of the localities concerned are included in the translated books.

In concluding his lecture Dr. Fiedler said that he hoped we now had a better impression as to why Germany has banned certain authors and burned certain books. There followed an informal discussion period during which Dr. Fiedler answered all questions asked.

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